



BLM NEWS RELEASE

U.S. Department of the Interior • Bureau of Land Management • Arizona Strip District Office • 345 East Riverside Drive • St. George, UT 84790

For Immediate Release: 08-18-10

Contact: Rachel Tueller, Public Affairs Officer

Phone: 435-688-3033 or E-mail: Rachel_Tueller@blm.gov

Fire Fighters Managing Lightning Ignited Wildfire

St. George— Four engines, one helitack and one chipper from the Color Country Interagency Fire Management team continue to manage a 535-acre fire which was ignited by lightning on Sunday August 8, 2010. The Mustang Fire is currently burning in pinion juniper and sage vegetation south of Mustang Knoll located on BLM administered lands within the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. The fire is currently being managed by fire officials for multiple objectives other than full suppression to meet future desired conditions established in the Monument Resource Management Plan. Smoke may be visible near Black Rock Mountain and from St. George, Utah.

-BLM-

The BLM manages more land – 245 million acres -- than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.